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Rain with a
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Showers with a
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Partly cloudy
with a high of
68 and a low of
45.

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Mostly cloudy
with a high of
62 and a low of
40.

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MWC Plans For All Sorts Of Emergencies

Emergency Operations Plan Covers Everything From Bomb Threats To Hostile Takeovers

By **TERRY NORTON**
Staff Writer

College officials have developed an 80-page document that outlines the college's reaction to specific emergency scenarios. The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) lists actions campus departments should take to get the college through all emergencies. The plan breaks these down into three categories: minor, major, and disaster. The

EOP is online and hard copies are available in some offices.

"The Emergency Operations Plan is a work in progress," said Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Rick Hurley. "We learn from others' mistakes."

Some of the specific scenarios the plan currently includes are how the college would deal with fires, tornadoes, bomb threats and chemical spills.

College officials said if a Crisis Planning

Committee or Emergency Operations staff member sees something happening elsewhere for which the college has no plan, he or she brings it to the Crisis Planning Committee's attention for inclusion in the plan. An example of this was the disastrous fire at Seton Hall University.

Ruth Lovelace, director of Environmental Health and Safety said the college's plan is similar to Fredericksburg's and the state's plans.

"The shelter in place plan that would be used in a level-red threat is the same as one used during a natural disaster," Lovelace said. "Each separate cause would create different situations for which Emergency Operations Staff would have to accommodate."

The most recent use of the EOP was the power outage in February. According to John Wiltmuth, assistant vice president for

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National Debate Champions Jonathan Nagy and Carly Woods

Philip Griffith/Bullet

Debate Team Argues To Its Third Straight National Championship

By **JAMES TRAMEL**
Staff Writer

The MWC Debate Team won its first ever junior varsity level championship at this year's American Debate Association's National Championship Tournament, despite the absence of its lucky Chihuahua.

The national tournament is similar to athletic season-end tournaments, like NCAs. It is the culminating event to see which team is the best.

In recognition of the victory, a three-foot-tall, shining, sterling

silver Founder's Cup, the trophy of the tournament, stands in Tim O'Donnell's office, the director of Debate at MWC. It is waiting to be etched with the winner's names, juniors Jonathan Nagy and Carly Woods, to join the other victors of past years.

"They're definitely my star pair," said O'Donnell, former winner of the American Debate Association's Lambert Award for excellence in debate coaching. "But the whole program is really a team effort."

"We win humble, and we lose

humble," Nagy said. "We win because we think fast on our feet, we put in a lot of time and effort, and we have a great network of support from our teammates."

"We were doing research right up to the last minute," O'Donnell said. "In fact, that's one of the reasons why I think we won. We had fresh, up-to-the-minute material."

"We couldn't have done it alone," Woods said.

The American Debate Association has three levels of competition, based

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Student Government Holds Annual Elections

Six Positions Go Uncontested As 443 Students Cast Votes

By **CONOR REILLY**
Assistant Scene Editor

Few students showed up to vote in the elections for 2004 Student Government Association officers, held on March 6.

"There was really bad turnout this year," said sophomore Erin Price, member of the SGA Rules and Procedures committee. According to Price, only 443 students voted in this election, which is a decrease from previous years.

While most of the SGA positions were unopposed, two were contested. Freshman Travis Smith, sophomore Daniel Bouchard, and junior Kristin Orstead ran for SGA vice president. Orstead received 201 total votes, winning by over 50 votes.

"I am really excited about next year, I couldn't be happier," Orstead said. "I really want to continue community involvement during Homecoming."

Orstead added that she would like to alleviate the stress of the parking situation for commuting students and make the presence of the Student Government Association known around campus. Juniors Katherine Stangler, Michael Hagan and Gretchen Wietmarschen contended for Academic Affairs Council chairperson. Two hundred eleven votes were cast for Wietmarschen, making her the winner by about 80 votes.

Wietmarschen said that she is happy about winning the position and hopes that she can have a positive impact in her position.

"We are working on professor retention and professor recruitment," Wietmarschen said. "The [Academic Affairs Council] wants to advertise the benefits of teaching at Mary Washington."

"Also, we want to find out why professors are leaving and what the school could have done to prevent it," Wietmarschen said.

The six other available positions were won by students that ran unopposed.

The new SGA President is junior Rebecca Turnbull. Sophomore Mary Bowen will be next year's Commuting Student Association president. Junior Brian Reagan is the Honor Council president, and junior Jessica Bielecki will serve as the Judicial Review Board president.

Junior Susan Dedrick will be the Association of Residence Halls president. Junior Katherine Leesman won the chairperson position for the Legislative Action Committee.

Snow Didn't Overwhelm Facilities Services Budget Too Much, Say Officials

By **LINDSAY BEATON**
Assistant News Editor

All the fallen snow in the past few weeks found the grounds crews working from early in the morning to late at night clearing roads, walkways, parking spots and staircases to keep Mary Washington College operational in spite of the inclement weather.

While snow removal is a component of the grounds maintenance budget, said John Wiltmuth, assistant vice president of Facilities Services, the recent storms have worn out their monetary welcome.

"The Fredericksburg area has experienced more snow this winter than we typically get," Wiltmuth said. "We have had to use operational funds designated for other purposes as well as additional overtime in order to respond to the snow storms."

Wiltmuth said the final costs are not in yet, since the invoices for things like chemicals, payroll processing and other costs associated with the snow removal are not yet fully processed.

Phil Hall, the vice president for Academic Affairs and the dean of the Faculty, said that there was no major shuffling of the overall budget.

"Our work crews did accumulate a lot of overtime, though," he said.

Wiltmuth said that the biggest challenge was posed by the duration of the storms.

"Staggered shifts and cooperative assistance from almost all of the Facilities divisions was crucial in supporting the efforts directed by the grounds crews," he said.

An email sent school-wide by Facilities Services tried to make

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A student with her snowboard during a snowstorm.

Worth Stokes/Bullet

Police Beat

By PORTSIA SMITH
Assistant News Editor



March 4—Between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., a vehicle parked in Monroe North lot was scratched along the driver side door. Damage is estimated at \$400. There is a suspect under investigation.

March 4—At 1 p.m., a blue 3-speed Schwinn bicycle was reported stolen from the bike rack by Mason Hall. The case is under investigation.

March 5—At 3 p.m., a blue Mongoose mountain bicycle was reported stolen from a bike rack by Mason Hall. The bike is valued at \$150. The case is under investigation.

March 5—Around 1 a.m., a car was observed driving the wrong way on Jefferson Square, a one-way street. The 20-year-old male student was approached by campus police as he was entering Bushnell Hall. The odor of alcohol was

detected and the student admitted to consuming "a few beers." He was given a sobriety test and arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. After being searched, a fake ID was found in his possession. The student was referred to administration.

March 16—At 3:02 a.m., a campus police officer observed that the back door of Randolph Hall was propped open. As he entered the building, the odor of alcohol was detected coming from a room on the third floor. Three male students and one female student were found to be in possession of alcohol. Three cans of Busche beer and three cans of Hurricane were found in the refrigerator, while several cans were seen all across the room. Three of the four students were underage and were referred to administration.

MWC Debate Conquers...Again

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upon the experience of the debaters: novice, junior varsity and varsity. Nagy and Woods have won three of these titles, debating together for nearly three years now. In 2001, they won the Association's national championship novice award their freshman year.

The college won the junior varsity level this year, and it won the novice level the past two years at nationals.

"Next year we have a good shot at the varsity level," O'Donnell said.

The debate team has to work from the ground up said O'Donnell. Since the college offers no debate scholarships they lack the resources of some of the larger schools that have more experience, resources and a bigger budget. Major competitors next year will be Catholic University, Boston College and Emory University.

"It's what I do," Woods said. "I usually spend most of my free time and every weekend during the season working on debate."

Sometimes, however, it may not just be the effort, dedication, and work.

"John used to bring a stuffed Taco-Bell Chihuahua to the debates. He would bring it out during speeches, and put it on the table. I think I saw him rub it a few times," Woods said.

"It was kind of our mascot," Nagy said. "Most debaters have some kind of good luck-charm they bring with them."

"I actually have a red plaid shirt that I wear when I think we're going to win. Kind of like Tiger Woods," O'Donnell said.

Even without the Chihuahua, or the red plaid shirt, at the recent national championship, the team still pulled out a win.

At the tournament and in regular competition, debate teams can have several members, and can compete both as a school, as individuals, and as pairs.

As a pair, Nagy and Woods defeated Liberty University in the final round for the win.

Two other Mary Washington College teams

were recognized at the tournament. Sophomores Jennifer Golladay and Joseph Packer claimed third place in the junior varsity division, defeating teams from the University of Rochester, Catholic University, Fordham University and George Mason University. Also, senior Raya Drew of Arlington and freshman Leslie Wyatt of Chester finished ninth in the novice division.

In addition to the pair successes, two other students were recognized for their individual performances throughout the weekend. Packer was ranked as the second best speaker in the junior varsity division while Drew finished seventh in the novice division.

"I'm really proud of all the debaters," said Phil Hall, vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the Faculty. "The administration had been very impressed with the success of the program, especially in the recent years."

Debate as a competition has been around for several years. Jeff Parcher of the Georgetown Review names several successful debaters in the past including singer and song writers Jackson Browne and Harry Connick Jr., U.S. presidents Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, John F. Kennedy and Jimmy Carter, and Chrysler CEO Lee Iacocca to name a few.

Throughout the course of the season, the college has been ranked in the top 20, overall, in at least two major polls, the National Debate Tournament's (NDT) poll and the Cross Examination Debate Association's poll (CEDA). Each of these polls assigns rank differently, based on their point-value system. MWC placed in the top 3 in the region of each of these polls.

Another system, the Brushke rankings system takes a different approach. There are rankings of schools with NDT points and CEDA points, but no rankings of individual teams, except for the pre-bid rankings to the NDT. MWC was ranked on the Brushke report in the top 100.

He said that the grounds crews main goals were to get walks, roads and parking lots cleared to allow the college to resume normal operations as quickly as possible after the snowstorm.

The safety of the students, faculty and staff who are on campus, with special attention to the needs of resident students when the college is closed so that they can walk between the residence halls and Seabrook was on the top of the list of priorities, Wiltenmuth said.

Snow Cleared Successfully

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everything a little easier for everyone the night before one of the storms. It told everyone who read it what lots had to be cleared, where students could and could not park and what the consequences would be if the rules weren't followed.

"Snow emergency restrictions will be enforced. Vehicles may be ticketed/towed," the email said.

"Commuter and faculty/staff lots have priority over resident student lots," Wiltenmuth

SGA Election Results

All the Results For 2003 In One Convenient Format

SGA President
SGA Vice President
Judicial Review Board President
Honor Council President
Association Of Residence Halls President
Commuting Student Association President
Academic Affairs Council Chairperson
Legislative Action Committee Chairperson

Rebecca Turnbull
Kristin Orstead
Jessica Bielecki
Brian Reagan
Susan Deedrick
Mary Bowen
Gretchen Wietmarschen
Katherine Leesman

Nation In Brief

By Lindsay Beaton

Saddam Roams the Streets of California

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A man who looks suspiciously like Saddam Hussein wanders the halls of California's capitol building and state legislators barely give him a glance. The Hussein look-alike just smiles and keeps on walking because he's really Jerry Haleva, owner of Sergeant Major Communications and an increasingly in-demand double for movies with Hussein in them. He actually does look a lot like the Iraqi leader, reported Reuters. "Especially when I'm in costume," Haleva said. "You know all those posters and billboards in the movie 'Live from Baghdad'?" That was me as Saddam," Haleva said that he has a lot of fun with his impersonation and has put it to some good uses. One time he met former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres at a convention while he was in his Hussein costume, "I shook his hand, and someone said 'I have got to get this picture!'" he said. Haleva said he used the photo in his firm's marketing brochures with the caption: "If we can make this happen, how hard can your issue be?" Haleva said he fully supports President Bush's actions against Hussein. "As an actor," Haleva said, "I hope he goes into exile and my career extends. But as an American I hope I get to do his epitaph."

Paper, Scissors, Rock!

HEALDSBURG, Calif.—About 120 people took the old childhood game of "paper, scissors, rock" to a new and more profitable level when they competed against each other for \$1,000. Organizers said the contest was touted as the second world championship, reported the Associated Press. The first one was held last year in Toronto. "It's really about the mind games," said Doug Walker, co-president of the World Rock Scissors Paper Society based in Toronto, which sponsored the contest. "There's a lot of trash talking and mental intimidation." Contestants said that it was all about the strategy. "Whenever you see a tense muscle, they're going rock," said Jeff Johnson, a salesman. "If they looked relaxed, it's going to be paper." Ana Martinez, a 20-year-old student, won with a winning rock play against scissors.

Horse Goes For a Dip in the Wrong Pool

LINCOLN, N.C.—The Rhynes were about to go out for breakfast when their grandson and his friends came running around the house shouting, "You've got a horse in the pool!" Hickory, a 10-year-old Tennessee walking horse belonging to neighbors Scott and Marri Carpenter, had wandered out of her pasture and somehow found herself trapped in the sinking cover of the Rhynes' pool which laid over 12 feet of water, reported the Associated Press. Two other horses were observing their companion from the pool's edge. "Right away we knew we couldn't cope with it," Virginia Rhynes said. They called the Carpenters who then dialed 911. A volunteer firefighter and a final number of 50 rescuers showed up on the scene to help. A veterinarian and several helpers dove into the pool and helped to sedate 1000-pound Hickory so she could be taken out of the pool. A harness made of fire hoses was used. "She's great, she's perfect, everything is fine," said Scott Carpenter. He plans on replacing the pool cover for his neighbors.

Fraud Bomb-Sniffing Dogs Get Owner Leashed

WASHINGTON — Russell Lee Ebersole, the owner of "Detector Dogs Against Drugs and Explosives," found himself in big trouble when his dogs failed five different explosive detection tests. He was indicted for fraud and false claims about his dogs, which have been used by the Federal Reserve, the State Department and other government buildings, reported Reuters. In one test the dogs failed to detect 50 pounds of TNT, 50 pounds of dynamite and 15 pounds of the powerful explosive C-4 that were hidden in three vans that entered the Federal Reserve parking lot. Other dogs were being used to patrol the perimeters of buildings to protect thousands of employees. Prosecutors in the U.S. attorney's office in Alexandria said Ebersole was charged with 26 counts of fraud and two counts of making false claims. If convicted of everything he could face up to 140 years in prison, five years for each count. He was being paid \$700,000 for his services.

Progressive Insurance Bares All

CLEVELAND—In order to get people to look more closely at the honesty of the company Progressive Insurance has spiced things up a bit. They have decided to put a nude 82-year-old man in their annual report, reported the Associated Press. "The report is in keeping with the company's theme of transparency in its financial dealings," said Progressive President Glenn Renwick. While the picture is revealing, it doesn't show off everything. The man's hands and knees are strategically placed to avoid any questionable views.

Planning Ahead For Disaster Administrators Prepare For The Worst

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Facilities Services, the college contacted Dominion Power and got an estimate on how long it would take to restore power. Then the college contacted various departments, including Residence Life and Seabrook.

Lovelace also said the current situation of a level orange terrorist threat is similar to a hurricane warning. "For that we get five days notice and a mapped target area," Lovelace said.

She said on-campus students would need to take their instructions from residence life staff during an emergency.

"If we have to shelter during class, it will be more difficult," she said. "But we will be able to do it. I would use housekeepers, grounds workers, anybody to be messengers to get the word out."

Other actions the Emergency Operations Staff would take during an emergency include ensuring that the posts on Campus Walk stay in place, locking attic and roof entrances, preventing vehicles from getting close to buildings and securing all campus storage and equipment rooms.

When the Emergency Operations Staff is notified of an impending crisis, they implement their departments' individual plans and create an order of succession for managing the Emergency Operations Center. The center is in meeting room one in Woodard Campus Center.

According to Vice President Hurley, all campus departments need to have developed a plan in case something should occur in their areas.

"This is spotty because not all academic departments have taken the time to address emergency situations," Hurley said. "For example, how would a department

get running again if all its records are lost? Do they have a backup for records storage off-site?"

College officials said every building should have an evacuation plan posted at every door. However, there is no specific way to account for everyone who was in a building. Hurley said that Campus Safety and police will walk the building looking for people who may have ignored the evacuation alarm.

Lovelace said she is not going to stop someone from getting on the road and going home though it might not be the wisest move on that person's part. She suggests that anyone who wishes to do so call his or her family first and see what they want.

Everyone on the EOS has been instructed not to give information to the media unless College Relations know that he or she is talking.

The college receives no funds directly from the federal department of Homeland Security. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management met to discuss how to disperse funds that come to them from a grant to state agencies.

"All our money is coming from our sustained budget, which is very, very difficult," Lovelace said.

However, Lovelace said she is confident the college will be able to get a grant based on the college's emergency readiness.

The Emergency Operations Staff is made up of 15 members. Some but not all of the offices included on staff are Events, for moving large numbers of people, Facilities Services, Residence Life, Purchasing, to obtain emergency items easily, the Health Center and the Psychological Services Center.

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Editorial

Yay Sayers

We at *The Bulletin* have remained relatively quiet about the possibility of war with Iraq, despite all the many letters and columns we've received. Now that it appears that war is not only imminent but also likely, we're going to take a position on the war. We support it.

Not because we're a bunch of Bush fans (we're not). Not because we're a bunch of hawks (we're not), but because Iraq, and more specifically Saddam Hussein, is a danger to the world and to the United States.

While there are many reasons to support a war, here are ours.

First, it's clear that Saddam Hussein has and is developing illegal weapons of mass destruction. If he wasn't, he would have let inspectors in his country for the past four years and allowed them all kinds of access. He hasn't. This makes one wonder what exactly he is hiding?

Second, life for the Iraqis is hell. With their oil resources, Iraq has the potential to be one of the richest countries in the world, but instead Hussein has used that wealth for himself and denied basic freedoms to his people. There is no freedom of religion or of the press or of speech, and women are even raped as a punishment for the actions of their family members. It is a duty of humanity to combat injustice, not to allow it to continue.

Third, of course in war the innocent will die. However, in Iraq, the innocent die daily under Hussein's regime, so something must be done.

Fourth, diplomatic efforts have been exhausted. Hussein and his sons have been offered the chance to go into exile and they have refused. According to an NBC report, the United Nations security council had the nine votes to force international action. These nine votes crumbled when the French, who receive hundreds of millions of dollars from Iraq every year, threatened to veto anything that held Saddam Hussein accountable.

War is the only option left. We hope this war is quick. We pray it is. Many of our friends and family members are overseas, and we, along with the rest of the nation, hope for their safe return.

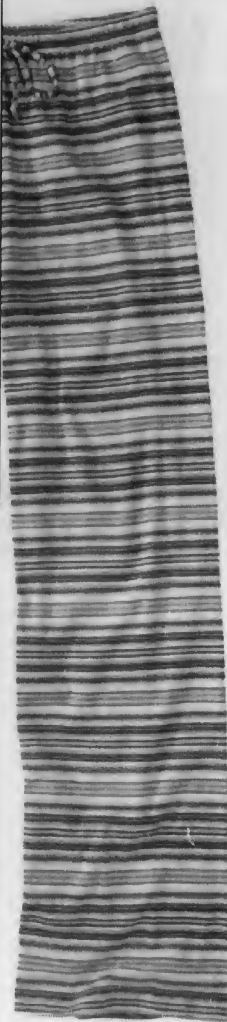


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J. Crew pajama pants, sans the catalog model.

PJs Not OK

by JUSTIN HARCUM
Guest Columnist

In this day and time, exams define academia. Everyone knows exactly when exams are going to hit you. Hell, you get a sheet telling you what days you will be bent over the professor's desk at the beginning of each semester. The professors even read it to you, just to make sure you loosen it up before these big days.

These examinations don't have the element of surprise like the Viet Cong or the technology of an American ballistic missile, but somehow they manage to physically disable certain students from performing the most medial of tasks.

Don't get me wrong: most students can hold it all together. I assure you, if you have any sense about you, you can hold it all together. However, there are those few who can't. Those damn few who are always present and they miss big. To them, those few pieces of paper that they have to write on, look at, scratch their head over, and sit in front of, for roughly 50 minutes is more crippling than scoliosis.

I'm not kidding—physical well-being and personal hygiene are freakishly challenged. Not only does the student's face show deep worry with developing red heads screaming for attention, but a sloppy appearance as if run over by a truck, soon follows.

Still not picturing the metamorphosis? Take a model from a J. Crew catalog, slap a test date in his/her planner, and then drag them behind a Ford Bronco over a plowed cornfield for about 10 miles. That end product is the student I'm talking about.

Usually combed, washed hair, morphs into an explosive mold. Female hair usually is thoughtfully restrained with some sort of tying mechanism, and is made to resemble the mass of hair hanging over a horse's rectum. White teeth with moderate breath is reduced to unflossed molars, with white crust growing, yes growing, on the sides of the mouth where the upper and bottom lips merge. Clothes are in utter disarray, pluids with stripes, buttons missed, collars resembling an English soccer player, with mystery stains considered acceptable. The entire lifestyle of the individual somehow shuts down.

None of these changes really bother me

though. I mean I let myself go sometimes; deciding to sport the same pair of boxers as the day before, wearing a pit stained shirt, not shaving, forgetting to wipe. Hey, it happens.

However, one thing does enrage me beyond belief. Somewhere deep inside the thickness of studying, while being lost in academic indulgence, the student in a studying delirium wears a pair of pajama pants instead of any other kind of pants to class.

Pajama pants, people. I'm not talking about sweat pants, workout pants, or some sort of weird jumper. I'm talking yellow rubber duckies on a blue water background or tiny space ships with white stars dotting a piece of cotton secured at the waist by a shoe string. Is this supposed to be some sort of sign to the rest of campus?

An airbrushed message sprayed across their back may be more effective: "I have a test today and I studied so hard that I didn't have time to change pants when I rolled my ass out of bed."

Now let's slow down here because I'm confused. May I first assume that the student has completely abandoned the ancient and extremely necessary practice of bathing? No change of pants strongly suggests that a dirt film covers the individual's entire body. On top of this and surprisingly enough, they don't have poop stains in the back of their pajama pants. That would lead one to believe that they had time to drop the kids off at the pool before their test. They aren't barefoot or lacking their contacts lenses.

Clearly, time was made to lace up their Reeboks and insert tiny pieces of glass into their eyes. Maybe that's where the 15 seconds needed to change pants was lost, while pinching a loaf. Look, I'm not saying that image is everything. What I am saying here is that, pajama pants bear their name for a reason. They aren't denim, khaki, or even that wind resistant stuff that is completely synthetic and melts when you get too close to the heater. They're pajamas!

Folks, I beg you, please prevent exams from causing this destruction of all common sense. You learn how to change pants by yourself by the age of four. Don't regress to a 55-pound sortie who still hugs his mother's leg. Continue to do well in classes but for the sake of yourself and everyone in your presence, refrain from complete mental shutdown and spare me the pjs.

Justin Harcum is a senior.

Letters to the Editor

Your Rights According To The Right

Dear Editor:

Break out the champagne! Roll out the red carpet! Strike up the band! Our heroes are coming home from the Persian Gulf! No, you didn't miss the war. I am referring to the anti-war protestors who went to Iraq to be human shields.

In case you missed the news recently, some Americans decided to go to Iraq to be human shields, in order to make sure that the United States would not bomb strategic sites such as hospitals. Saddam Hussein, however, had other plans for these people. It appears that he had the audacity to place them at power plants, oil fields and military sites—places where he expects the United States to attack. When faced with the reality that they might actually have to put their lives on the line, the human shields balked.

Since most people realize that the United States would never deliberately bomb hospitals, and further realize that power plants are the very sites we would bomb, what conclusion do we draw from the sudden departure of the "Kumbayah" moralists? One can only assume that the shields never truly intended to put themselves in harm's way. They are, like most leftists, really about symbolism over substance. The reality of cold hard truth gets annoyingly in their way.

Now, there are some other human shields,

which stand in stark contrast to those who recently returned from Iraq. These are real heroes and real moralists. These are the men and women who have volunteered and sworn oaths to actually defend life and liberty. These are the activists who are willing to fight and die for the rights of not only those "courageous" human shields, but of those who are not allowed to make choices for themselves, who are murdered, and tortured and starved by their own government—Iraqi citizens for example. These realists know that there are ideals worth fighting for. These citizen soldiers know the cold, hard truth that freedom is not free—not now, not ever.

Some people, like Sen. Lindsay Graham, R-S.C., have stated that they believe these "human shields" should be arrested for treason. I disagree with Sen. Graham. But just in case they do get arrested, I have taken the liberty of writing a new Miranda warning, just for them:

"Unlike the Iraqi citizens, you have the right to not be human shields. You have the right to not do what Saddam Hussein orders you to do. You have the right to protest your government. You have the right to not be beaten in the streets or be tortured or harassed or be murdered. You have the right to leave this brutal regime in Iraq behind you and return to the safety and comforts of America. These are all rights that the Iraqi people are denied everyday."

While in Iraq, they handed out pamphlets to the Iraqi people that read "We are with you." I guess not.

Robert P. Simpson is a BLS student.

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to the continuous chalk writing on the buildings.



to Junior Ring Week next week...let the games begin.



to the idiotic "Freedom Fries."



to Frank McCourt coming next Thursday.

in the stars

Aries - Good day to embrace diversity. Wear mismatched shoes.

Taurus - You are at a turning point in your life. Turn left.

Gemini - You will make a new software to help people with mental problems called SchizoSoft. Your motto: "Who Do You Want To Be Today?"

Cancer - People are starting to take you too seriously. Try wearing bunny slippers to work.

Leo - Today you will buy a harmonica, which you will take everywhere, on one of those coat-hanger things around your neck.

Virgo - Today you will put your foot down regarding your turn at making dinner versus dining out. In other words, "If you ain't broke, don't fix it."

Libra - You will invent a machine that makes over 800 different varieties of coffee drinks. Unfortunately, everyone will go back to drinking just plain coffee.

Scorpio - Today you will be either snug as a bug in a rug, or snug as a thug on a drug. Hard to say.

Sagittarius - Yesterday's bathtub mystery will be explained today. Still, you'll have no idea what to feed the penguin.

Capricorn - In this world you have a choice between being clever, and being pleasant. I recommend pleasant.

Aquarius - You will write a newspaper article about the Internet today. Why not? Everybody else has.

Pisces - Time to do something about that high blood pressure. Have you tried leeches?

Fast Fact:

"The Star-Spangled Banner," written by Francis Scott Key, is ranked the most difficult national anthem on Earth to sing.

Meditation 101: New at MWC

By LAUREN DeANGELIS

Staff Writer

Most college students probably find it difficult to make it through a 50-minute class without feeling restless or bored. However, sophomore Camilla Ham is able to sit comfortably in one position, perfectly still, eyes closed, for up to two and a half hours. Instead of feeling impatient or fidgety afterward, Ham said that she feels refreshed.

Surprisingly enough, Ham's is not a rare case. Her calmness, concentration and relaxation can be achieved by anyone willing to learn the methods of Jyoti meditation. Ham leads a weekly meditation class at Mary Washington College in the recently opened Leidecker Center for Asian Studies.

"Sometimes just ten minutes is a long time for someone to sit in the same position without moving," Ham said. "But it all depends on your experience as a meditator. I knew a meditating teacher who would sit on a rock in a river and meditate for 18 hours a day."

Jyoti, which means "light" in Sanskrit, is a type of meditation in which the purpose is to raise the consciousness to experience higher levels that enable a better understanding of life and God.

Debbie Bennett of Bowling Green, Ham's assistant in teaching the meditation classes and a meditator for 18 years, described meditation as her "little lifeline."

"Meditation broadens my life to be more than the everyday humdrum of the world," Bennett said. "Normally people wait until they die to experience the hereafter, but when you meditate you can work on it during your lifetime. That's why it's easy for advanced meditators to be there for a few hours."

The actual process of Jyoti meditation is simple, according to Ham, who was taught by her parents to meditate at a very young age. It involves sitting in a comfortable position, and closing the eyes. In Jyoti meditation, as opposed to other types, breathing is not



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Students meditating at the Leidecker Center for Asian Studies..

an issue of focus.

"Since we want to be totally immersed in gazing within and oblivious of our body, we let the body's functioning go on normally as we meditate," Ham said.

Once their eyes are closed, meditators gaze into the darkness and focus their attention at the "seat of the soul," which according to Ham is the area of the forehead between and the behind the eyebrows. To block any distracting thoughts and keep their attention focused, Ham instructs meditators to mentally repeat any name of God that they feel comfortable with or words that make them feel relaxed.

"As we are sitting completely still and relaxed, we may begin to experience various vistas and colors of light within," Ham said. "Whether we see darkness or light, we should keep gazing into what we see in front of us and enjoy the peace

that is there."

Though the purpose of Jyoti meditation is to learn about the soul, Bennett said that its byproduct is a more controlled attention span. As a meditation, ballet, and yoga teacher of classes at Germanna Community College and elsewhere, Bennett has seen this result in many young students.

She related how she enabled a group of 13-year-old ballet students to perform a very difficult dance routine by teaching them to meditate before class. Another male student of Bennett's told her that meditation alleviated the soreness he usually felt after his daily exercise workouts.

Aside from a reduction of stress and stress-related health ailments, other benefits of meditation include the development of calmness and inner peace. Ham explained that these benefits

result because meditators learn to tap into the "silence of their heart and mind"—to concentrate despite the distractions of the earthly world.

"Meditation is the method by which your attention gets absorbed within and you connect with a source of peace and stillness that is always there," Ham said.

However, making that connection is easier said than done. Ham said that many of the seven to 15 students who have attended any of the three meditation classes have had their share of expected problems. Among these, the students had trouble sitting still, were easily distracted by their thoughts, and complained of their feet falling asleep during meditation.

Freshman Anne Claire Shilton said that she felt frustrated after meditating.

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Students Rate Their Professors

By ELISSA MILANOWSKI

Staff Writer

Of the 172 Mary Washington College professors evaluated on RateMyProfessors.com, 37 were rated "hot." At last count, the English Department was in the lead with the hottest staff on campus, with the Psychology and History departments trailing just behind.

"What a hottie, she was major eye candy," and "He's one hot mama...or papa rather," were just some of the phrases used to describe some of the professors at this college.

Sophomore Sebastian Forgues took advantage of the website to share his opinion of Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology Natalie Kerr.

"I'll be honest, she was hot. It was often difficult to concentrate in class," Forgues said. "So, I decided to go on the website and let other students know about her hotness."



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Erin Merril.

Who knew the college had such sexy faculty?

Also, based on information provided on the web site, they aren't bad teachers either. Over half of the professors rated on the site received "good" quality ratings.

Of course, RateMyProfessors.com is not about judging teachers on looks, at least not in theory. This website is home to 200,000 college professor ratings, contributed by students from 1,700 schools across the nation. Students rate their teachers based on helpfulness, clarity, casiness, and of course, appearance.

Visiting the website and clicking on Mary Washington College immediately transports you to a list of professors, arranged in alphabetical order by last name. Professors have either a smiley, neutral or frowning face beside their name, indicating a good, average or poor quality rating. A red chili pepper next to the name lets you know that a professor is "hot." Also available is the professor's department, the last time they were rated, the number of ratings they have received, their overall quality, and their level of difficulty.

Clicking on a professor's last name allows you to view comments made by your peers. Comments like, "This class made me change my major" and "Uninteresting. Pure Evil," help students decide which teachers and courses to avoid.

Other students let people know about the difficulty of the exams or grading procedures of a given professor, stating, for example, "You must study hard for his classes."

Some choose to comment on aspects of a professor's personality.

"He is awesome. He jumped in a pool fully clothed. That's sweet!," one student said of Associate Professor of Classics, Religion, & Philosophy Mehdi Amirazavi.

One problem with RateMyProfessors.com is that most professors have not been rated enough times to fairly and accurately represent their teaching styles.

Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs Jason Davidson said, "If I were a student I would realize that statements on the site may not be accurate. I have heard from a colleague that he was rated by a student for a course he has never taught."

Davidson has taught at the college for four semesters, and on average teaches 150 students per semester. However, on last count, only 10 students had rated him.

Davidson said, "A basic knowledge of statistics would tell us that those ten students may not be representative of the pool of students I have taught."

The site may not be the fairest representation of the Mary Washington College staff, but up until now it is all that students have had

to rely on when picking professors. However, that will soon change.

During the first week of April 2003 a Student Course Guidebook that consists of student's ratings of professors will be available to the student body.

The Course Guidebook Committee of the Academic Affairs Council has compiled 500 responses to course review surveys in which students rated their professors or classes on "Easiness of Course," "Helpfulness of Professor," "Clarity of Instruction" and "Difficulty of Assignments."

Freshman Chad Chadbourne said, "I thought the questions were somewhat broad but the extra comment space on the back was a great place for people to add more information."

Chair of the Course Guidebook Committee, senior Erin Merril, said that although most of the responses were positive, there were negative comments made.

Some of the comments made on the survey sheets included, "The class is so boring I wanted to jab a calculator in my eye" and "Two words summarize his teachings: a joke."

Undoubtedly, comments like these will cause students to avoid certain classes.

"I'll be honest, she was hot. It was often difficult to concentrate in class."

Sebastian Forgues

A Realistic Romantic Professor Attributes Love to Instinct

By **ADDIE MACATUNO**
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day has come and gone. Most of the population sat and waited for cupid's arrow to hit them and their potential love. Hope lingered that at any moment Mr. or Mrs. Right sat at the next table. They want a Meg Ryan "Sleepless in Seattle" or "You've Got Mail" kind of love. But, what does it take for that to happen? Is it fate? Is it destiny? Or is it just life?

Assistant Professor of Geography Erin Foubert and her now husband Rob both grew up in small South Dakota towns. They attended the same events growing up and never met until they attended college at the University of Nebraska.

"Since we are both from South Dakota, we played one degree of separation right away—no need to go to six degrees in that state," she said.

Now the two are married with a daughter and deeply in love.

"If Rob and [daughter] Maggie go to the grocery store together, they often come back with a flower for me," she said. "Or he will send me an e-mail and will sign it the same way he always does, 'I Love You...and Maggie does too...!!' Those times when he is thinking about me make me smile."

Today they are in love, but it was a long and ironic journey to get there. Foubert grew up in Brookings, S.D. near S.D. State University, while her husband Rob grew up in Aberdeen a few hours away.

"I have always referred to South Dakota as the world's biggest small town," said Rob Foubert. "When two people from South Dakota meet for the first time, it takes but a few seconds to establish a connection to them through mutual acquaintances."

They both graduated from high school in 1988, so they knew many of the same people through extracurricular activities.

"We later found out that we were at the same place at the same time at least a dozen times in our lives before we met. Last Christmas, we went through a box of my stuff at my parents' house, and found a bunch of programs from swim meets with both of our names in them," Erin Foubert said.

Like in the movie "When Harry Met Sally," their lives may have been going parallel, but it definitely was not a movie moment when the two first met. They were introduced by a mutual friend named Ross, on their way to a University of Nebraska football game.

"We all met at Ross's apartment, and Rob showed up late, so I was annoyed with him the first time I met him. He also wore Birkenstocks, which I had serious issues with, and he smoked," Erin Foubert said.

For Rob Foubert, sparks were not instantaneously flying either.

"I had recently split from my college girlfriend, I was in a new town, I was starting law school, the price of cigarettes was on the rise, Bill Clinton was proving to be too formidable a candidate, and I was much more interested in getting to the game," he said. "In short, my brain was simply too addled at the time to realize that I had just met the woman I have known and loved all my life."

So, it was definitely not love at first sight. But, what role does the concept of fate and destiny? Is it all lined up in the stars or laid out in the cards? For the two, it took a long friendship and connection to finally get together.

"On Halloween night, a bunch of us decided to sell our football tickets for the Nebraska-Colorado game and watch the game at a huge bar near the stadium," Erin Foubert said. "For some reason, we both had our guards down that night, and I saw that man I now know."

Both Erin Foubert and her husband agree that, in their case, things were carried out through a process of their own decisions.

She said, "I believe in free will. If I believed in destiny, it would be a cop-out...I do believe that instinct is a gift from God and that if I silence my mind and listen to that instinct it can help me go in the right direction."

Rob Foubert agrees.

"Our meeting, falling in love, marrying, having a family, and staying together is more a result of the independent decisions we made prior to meeting each other and the decisions we now make, both independently and together, than it is destiny," he said.

Rob Foubert adds how those decisions carried him to open himself up to love.

"Those decisions, lessons, successes, and



Photo courtesy of College Relations

Assistant Professor Erin Foubert.

pains allowed me to see a thoroughly beautiful, kind and intelligent woman, to be open to the wonderful possibilities she represented, and to make the ultimate decision to ask for her hand in marriage," he said.

For Erin Foubert, it was her husband's kindness and honesty that continues to draw her to him. She recalls a situation when the couple had mistakenly not been charged for a bottle of wine at a grocery store.

"He stopped at the store on his way to work so he could pay them the \$10 they forgot to charge us," she said. "The manager was floored, thanked him for his honesty and refused to let him pay."

It might not have been fate, but something brought them to Mary Washington College. Erin Foubert is currently in her sixth year at the College and is popular among peers as well as her students. Before coming to Fredericksburg, she had been living in her husband's hometown and writing her dissertation while he was an associate at a law firm.

"I read an announcement that Mary Washington was hiring a political geographer," she said.

"Based on the description of the school and the location, I knew the second I read the announcement that I would end up at Mary Washington. We came here because Rob was willing to give up his partnership track position at a law firm so that I could teach at Mary Washington."

Erin Foubert has been known to bring a unique quality to her school, her department and her classroom. Even in the hallways, laughter can be heard from many of her classes. She is always inserting humor and fun into her lectures.

"My primary goals in the classroom are to get students curious about the world, get them excited about learning and help them to think geographically," Erin Foubert said.

Today, Erin Foubert and her husband are the parents of two and a half year old Margaret "Maggie" Conna. The two are happy to have passed along their curious natures to their daughter.

"It was great last week because I took her to the pediatrician," she said. "The doctor asked if she had any questions. Maggie fired away, 'Dr. Staats, why do some kids get appendicitis?' because we had been reading Madeline and neither of us had given her a satisfactory answer to this question. She knew who to ask."

They also hope to pass along the same marvel to their son due in June.

"Boy names are a lot more difficult to come up with than girl names. I am open to suggestions. We particularly like geographical names," she said.

The two currently work together to care for Maggie and prepare for their coming boy.

"When I have a project I need to work on, Rob will take Maggie to the National Zoo or on an adventure on Saturday morning so I can write or go to the library."

But no matter what needs to be adjusted, family is of great importance to the couple.

"The best part is what we call unsolicited love, when one of us just walks up to another and gives hugs or say we love each other for no reason at all," she said.

As for keeping their romance alive, her husband understands the importance of not being influenced by the media and being realistic.

"We trust that the other will be open and honest and comfortable discussing everything and anything on their mind and that we will be understanding and supportive," he said. "We love each other and we want to be loved by the other; we love our children and we want them to love us; and most importantly, we want to be loved, supported, encouraged and to be happy as a family."



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Students relaxing during a meditation class in Trinkle Hall.

A Class in Relaxation

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"I'm having difficulty focusing and stopping thoughts about classes, friends, and life from going through my head," said Shilton. "So I feel like I have a lot of work to do."

Bennett said that the students are making progress despite their problems. The students' meditation times have increased through each class, from 10 to 15 and now 20 or 30 minutes.

"The students are able to sit still for much longer, and I've been hearing that meditation is making a difference in their lives," Bennett said.

Freshman Tori Miller said that meditation has created a calmer, stress-free lifestyle and has improved her performance in her classes.

"I'm always extremely calm after I meditate, so much so that it becomes very difficult for anything to anger me," Miller said.

Junior Jason Echols said that he loves the escape from the world that meditation offers. "Meditation is like a perfect eight hour sleep while being awake and aware," he said.

Senior Justin Kopecky said that his favorite aspects of meditation are the 15 cushions (imported directly from Thailand) that grace the Leidecker Center. Kopecky also expressed the enjoyable challenge that meditation presents for him.

"I don't think that many Western ways of thought

seek to tap into the deeper recesses of the mind," he said. "Meditation's goal of finding what lies beneath seems daring to me."

Ham said that she has been very pleased with the number of students attending the meditation classes.

"Eleven people came to the first class, and I was so surprised because I thought only two people would show up," Ham said.

Ham stressed that Jyoti meditation is beneficial to anyone.

"When you meditate, you are giving yourself some time just to be peaceful and re-evaluate your priorities, and then when you go back to what you were doing before, you feel refreshed again and ready to tackle anything," Ham said. "It's a little bit of quiet time that helps you get through your day—something we all need."

Meditation classes are held every Monday from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Leidecker Center for Asian Studies, located in Trinkle Hall, room 42. Classes are open to everybody, regardless of experience or prior attendance. There will be two more formal classes, and all remaining classes will then be informal meditation sessions with less discussion and instruction. For more information, contact Ham at chamx3gk@mw.edu or visit the Leidecker Center's website at <http://www.mw.edu/asian/>.

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Fast Fact:

In your lifetime you eat at least eight spiders while sleeping.

schedule

Baseball

March 20: at Hampden-Sydney
March 22: vs. Gettysburg College

Softball

March 20: at Shenandoah U.
March 22: vs. Wilson College

Men's Lacrosse

March 22: vs. Hamilton College

Women's Lacrosse

March 22: vs. Washington & Lee

scores

Baseball

March 15: Salisbury University
L 2-0, L 3-2
March 18: Shenandoah U.
W 9-6

Softball

March 17: Rutgers-Newark
W 13-1, L 3-1

Men's Lacrosse

March 10: Montclair State U.
W 8-4

Women's Lacrosse

March 18: Catholic University
W 22-11

athlete of the week

Mel Block Lacrosse

Junior scored four times and added two assists in the team's 22-11 victory over Catholic University.

Fantasy Baseball: Make Your Own Field Of Dreams

COMMENTARY by TOM BORAK
Staff Writer

Spring is almost here. This means one thing: it's time for baseball.

While Major League clubs finish up Spring Training and finalize their rosters, fans across the world are putting together their own teams. Welcome to another season of Fantasy Baseball.

With the season looming less than a week away, time is running out to register for this season.

For those of us who never made it to The Show, this is our opportunity to take control of our very own big league roster.

There are many ways to play. Two of the most popular versions are online at Yahoo and The Sporting News (www.sportingnews.com). Both of these sites offer the game for free and allow users to create their own division to play with friends.

Yahoo offers a live draft where managers take turns selecting players. Once a team has been created, there are two styles of competition to choose from: rotisserie and head to head. The Fantasy season runs through the duration of the MLB season.

In rotisserie play, managers earn points by winning categories within their league. Take, for example, the category of home runs. In a 10 team league, whichever team hits the most homers earns 10 points for that week. Second place earns nine points, and so on. The points stack up and determine a winner at the end of the season.

Playing head to head, two teams from the same division are paired up and play against one another exclusively for that week. The team with the most points at the end of the week wins.

The Sporting News offers a different way to play. Their system is based solely on points. A team of eight players is selected: two outfielders, a corner infielder, a middle infielder, a catcher and three pitchers. Separate point values are set for hitters and pitchers in their

respective categories. Managers are allotted 20 free trades throughout the season.

The points are tallied daily, based on each individual's performance the previous day.

For example, if Randy Johnson pitches a complete game shutout with 15 strikeouts, two walks, and three hits, he will earn 189 points. Those points will be added to the rest of the team's total. The team with the most total team points at the end of the season wins.

The Sporting News Fantasy season runs through the MLB All-Star break. A new season starts for the second half of the MLB season.

The basic idea is simple. Pick a group of players who are expected to perform well, then sit back and see how they stack up against the opposition. Easy right?

As with any simple idea, there are always problems and complications. The Sporting News, for example, has a \$30 million salary cap built into their game. Randy Johnson alone is worth \$10.4 million. Is he worth one-third of the overall budget? It is certainly a thought to ponder.

Another consideration is that salaries fluctuate throughout the season based on performance. With solid performance, his salary could easily reach \$13 million by the end of the season. It could decline just as easily if he gets injured, dropping his trade value and the overall net worth of your team.

One solution is to manage more than one team. This way you can put together a number of combinations and strategies. The cost is still the same: free.

While Yahoo doesn't have a salary cap, its draft system ensures that each player can only be selected once. Player transactions must be completed between managers.

With this in mind, the question arises: who is the best player in baseball? Think about it. Most people will name either Barry Bonds or Alex Rodriguez. Who would be your first pick? Sure, Bonds



Left: Alex Rodriguez of the Texas Rangers

Below: Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks

Photos Courtesy of www.mlb.com

drops more bombs than a B-52 over Iraq, but A-Rod is probably the more rounded player. Right? There is no correct answer. Like the question of the chicken or the egg, you will find valid arguments on both sides.

This is just another reason why the game is so popular. You have to build a team based on your personal opinions and hunches. You have to select from the available pool of players remaining after 10 rounds of the draft. You have to know the game.

The best part of Fantasy Baseball is that the game is based on reality. Points are based on the actual performance of the athletes. It demands that you pay attention to the game.

There are many resources for the Fantasy manager. Any mainstream sports web site has a segment on baseball. The

latest injury updates, team schedules and standings.

Some of the more complex sites will have their own Fantasy Guide with "expert" analysis and advice. The best source of all, however, airs nightly on ESPN. Baseball Tonight is an hour of highlights and analysis from some of the greatest baseball minds in the world.

Fantasy baseball offers fans the opportunity to match wits against friends and other baseball enthusiasts. If you are an avid baseball fan, or just looking for an excuse to watch more ESPN, get registered today and live the dream.

Eagles Build On Past, Focus On Future

Men's Lacrosse Team Back For Another Strong Season

By MARK TUBEN
Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College men's lacrosse team proved during the 2002 season that the program was on the rise. It was a record-breaking year for the team, but they still see room for improvement in 2003.

The campaign resulted in a school record 11 wins and the team had advanced to the Capital Athletic Conference championship, where they lost to powerhouse Salisbury University.

To start the 2003 season, the Eagles have had mixed success, posting a 2-2 record through their first four games.

"We had a rocky start," freshman Adam Castellani said. "But that's been expected because we didn't really get to practice outside because of the weather."

With Spring finally here, Castellani said the team is quickly improving.

"Over the last week, we have really started to come together as a team and we're beginning to play well," he said.

Castellani also believes that the team make-up is also a reason for a slow start, but that the same factor will help them in the long run.

The roster is diverse, and the presence of 10 freshmen and seven sophomores indicate once again that this is a team on the rise.

Among the Eagles returning players is junior Matt Wiles, who led the team last year with 31 goals and was named to the All-CAC second team in his sophomore season.

Sophomore Dave Justen, who transferred last year from Salisbury, also returns to improve on his 15 goal, 13 assist season.

The Eagles' midfield looks to benefit the most from experience, featuring a core of returning players led by senior Paul Schutzmans, who was named to the All-CAC team last season.

There are six other seniors on the roster, and the experience they bring can only benefit the Eagles.

Drawing from that experience will be key for the Eagles if they hope to compete for the conference championship once again. Salisbury is currently ranked second in the nation and has never fallen to any CAC opponent.

Last season the Eagles were the CAC team that came closest to handing the Gulls defeat. Going into the final quarter of a regular season meeting, MWC led 8-4.

After a furious rally, Salisbury handed the Eagles a heartbreaking 10-8



Bullet File Photo

The team will miss such players as Joe Boulter from last year, but have a new crop of freshmen and transfers to help out.

Slow Start to Softball Season

Eagles' Team Members Look For Turn Around

By CORY TEMPLEMAN
Assistant Sports Editor

Mary Washington College junior second baseman Bevin Gekosky and the rest of the Eagles' softball team all had very high expectations for the 2003 season.

After finishing third in the Capital Athletic Conference a year ago, the Eagles are stumbling out of the box at the moment, but hope to catch fire now that their season is in full swing.

"Both the coaches and the players came into this season with very high expectations," Gekosky said, an all-CAC selection in 2002. "But the first 10 games of the year have been disappointing overall."

MWC opened their season March 7 and 8 at the Virginia Wesleyan College Tournament. The Eagles defeated Hiram College, 11-4, in the opener but dropped the nightcap to Rowan University, 2-0.

At their spring break training trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., MWC dropped five of the six games played. However, all of the losses were by three runs

or less.

"Our defense was solid in Florida but our offense didn't click when we needed it to," sophomore third baseman Beth Gibson said.

The Eagles returned to Fredericksburg this past Monday splitting a doubleheader with Rutgers-Newark University. After slaughtering the visitors 13-1 in the first game, the home team faltered in the second game, 3-1.

"Right now we're playing down to inferior team's levels," Gibson said. "I think after we won that first game against Rutgers-Newark, we thought we had the second game won easily. The next thing we know, we lose."

Despite the lackluster start, the MWC softball team feels that they can turn their season around and compete in the CAC.

"Although we've lost some games, we have a lot going for us," Gekosky said. "Our pitching and defense is in tact, we just need to get bats rolling."

"Right now, we're just focusing on one game at a time," Gekosky added.

The Eagles play their next home game on Saturday, March 22 against Wilson College.

"Although we've lost some games, we have a lot going for us. Our pitching and defense is in tact, we just need to get bats rolling."

Bevin Gekosky



Sports Wire

Compiled by Liz Keller



NCAA Tournament Will Go On

NCAA president Myles Brand announced Tuesday that he will not postpone the men's and women's basketball tournaments if the United States goes to war with Iraq this week. Tournament officials consulted with Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and decided that the games should go ahead as scheduled. The NCAA men's and women's championships, which involve 129 teams, begin today and Saturday, respectively. Should war with Iraq begin later this week, CBS, which covers tournament games would show coverage of the conflict with Iraq instead. CBS would then move its tournament coverage to cable networks, including TNN and Nickelodeon.

First Game of Tournament Goes To Overtime

North Carolina-Asheville defeated Texas Southern 92-84 in overtime Tuesday night in the play-in game of the NCAA tournament. With a 15-16 record, the Bulldogs are the only team in the tournament with a losing record. The team ended its regular-season with four straight losses and was 1-14 on the road this year. UNC-Asheville will face top-seeded Texas in the first round of the South Regional on Friday in Birmingham, Ala.

MLB Opener In Japan Cancelled

Major league baseball canceled the season-opening series between Seattle and Oakland because of the threat of war with Iraq. The teams were scheduled to leave this week for games March 25-26 at the Tokyo Dome. The games have been rescheduled for April 3 and June 30 in Oakland instead. Seattle's visit was highly anticipated because the Mariners have three Japanese players on their team. Also, it would have been the first time Mariners owner Hiroshi Yamauchi, who lives in Japan, would have seen his team play.

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lines and kept their pristine CAC record in tact. The Eagles would face Salisbury again in the conference championship, but the Gulls controlled the game and won in a less dramatic fashion.

Freshman Castellani may not have been with the team last season, but he says he is eager to build on the Eagles success.

"We are still learning our potential. We have a solid group of young talent and a good core of

returning players," he said.

The team hopes to capitalize on that potential soon.

In their most recent game, the Eagles faced a tough Hampden-Sydney squad and were outscored 12-5. Many games remain to be played on the schedule, however.

Conference play begins March 25 at Catholic University.

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Softball

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Men's Lacrosse

March 22: vs. Hamilton College

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scores

Baseball

March 15: Salisbury University
L 2-0, L 3-2
March 18: Shenandoah U.
W 9-6

Softball

March 17: Rutgers-Newark
W 13-1, L 3-1

Men's Lacrosse

March 10: Montclair State U.
W 8-4

Women's Lacrosse

March 18: Catholic University
W 22-11

athlete of the week

Mel Block Lacrosse

Junior scored four times and added two assists in the team's 22-11 victory over Catholic University.

Fantasy Baseball: Make Your Own Field Of Dreams

COMMENTARY by TOM BORAK
Staff Writer

Spring is almost here. This means one thing: it's time for baseball.

While Major League clubs finish up Spring Training and finalize their rosters, fans across the world are putting together their own teams. Welcome to another season of Fantasy Baseball.

With the season looming less than a week away, time is running out to register for this season.

For those of us who never made it to The Show, this is our opportunity to take control of our very own big league roster.

There are many ways to play. Two of the most popular versions are online at Yahoo and The Sporting News (www.sportingnews.com). Both of these sites offer the game for free and allow users to create their own division to play with friends.

Yahoo offers a live draft where managers take turns selecting players. Once a team has been created, there are two styles of competition to choose from: rotisserie and head to head. The Fantasy season runs through the duration of the MLB season.

In rotisserie play, managers earn points by winning categories within their league. Take, for example, the category of home runs. In a 10 team league, whichever team hits the most homers earns 10 points for that week. Second place earns nine points, and so on. The points stack up and determine a winner at the end of the season.

Playing head to head, two teams from the same division are pitted up and play against one another exclusively for that week. The team with the most points at the end of the week wins.

The Sporting News offers a different way to play. Their system is based solely on points. A team of eight players is selected: two outfielders, a corner infielder, a middle infielder, a catcher and three pitchers. Separate point values are set for hitters and pitchers in their

respective categories. Managers are allotted 20 free trades throughout the season.

The points are tallied daily, based on each individual's performance the previous day.

For example, if Randy Johnson pitches a complete game shutout with 15 strikeouts, two walks, and three hits, he will earn 189 points. Those points will be added to the rest of the team's total. The team with the most total team points at the end of the season wins.

The Sporting News Fantasy season runs through the MLB All-Star break. A new season starts for the second half of the MLB season.

The basic idea is simple. Pick a group of players who are expected to perform well, then sit back and see how they stack up against the opposition. Easy right?

As with any simple idea, there are always problems and complications. The Sporting News, for example, has a \$30 million salary cap built into their game. Randy Johnson alone is worth \$10.4 million. Is he worth one-third of the overall budget? It is certainly a thought to ponder.

Another consideration is that salaries fluctuate throughout the season based on performance. With solid performance, his salary could easily reach \$13 million by the end of the season. It could decline just as easily if he gets injured, dropping his trade value and the overall net worth of your team.

One solution is to manage more than one team. This way you can put together a number of combinations and strategies. The cost is still the same: free.

While Yahoo doesn't have a salary cap, its draft system ensures that each player can only be selected once. Player transactions must be completed between managers.

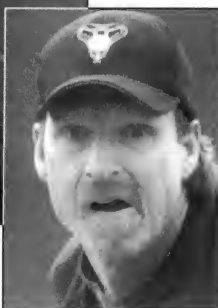
With this in mind, the question arises: who is the best player in baseball? Think about it. Most people will name either Barry Bonds or Alex Rodriguez. Who would be your first pick? Sure, Bonds



Left: Alex Rodriguez of the Texas Rangers

Below: Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks

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drops more bombs than a B-52 over Iraq, but A-Rod is probably the more rounded player. Right? There is no correct answer. Like the question of the chicken or the egg, you will find valid arguments on both sides.

This is just another reason why the game is so popular. You have to build a team based on your personal opinions and hunches. You have to select from the available pool of players remaining after 10 rounds of the draft. You have to know the game.

The best part of Fantasy Baseball is that the game is based on reality. Points are based on the actual performance of the athletes. It demands that you pay attention to the game.

There are many resources for the Fantasy manager. Any mainstream sports web site has a segment on baseball. The

latest injury updates, team schedules and standings.

Some of the more complex sites will have their own Fantasy Guide with "expert" analysis and advice. The best source of all, however, airs nightly on ESPN. Baseball Tonight is an hour of highlights and analysis from some of the greatest baseball minds in the world.

Fantasy baseball offers fans the opportunity to match wits against friends and other baseball enthusiasts. If you are an avid baseball fan, or just looking for an excuse to watch more ESPN, get registered today and live the dream.

Eagles Build On Past, Focus On Future

Men's Lacrosse Team Back For Another Strong Season

By MARK TUBEN
Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College men's lacrosse team proved during the 2002 season that the program was on the rise. It was a record-breaking year for the team, but they still see room for improvement in 2003.

The campaign resulted in a school record 11 wins and the team had advanced to the Capital Athletic Conference championship, where they lost to powerhouse Salisbury University.

To start the 2003 season, the Eagles have had mixed success, posting a 2-2 record through their first four games.

"We had a rocky start," freshman Adam Castellani said. "But that's been expected because we didn't really get to practice outside because of the weather."

With Spring finally here, Castellani said the team is quickly improving.

"Over the last week, we have really started to come together as a team and we're beginning to play well," he said.

Castellani also believes that the team make-up is also a reason for a slow start, but that the same factor will help them in the long run.

The roster is diverse, and the presence of 10 freshmen and seven sophomores indicate once again that this is a team on the rise.

Among the Eagles returning players is junior Matt Wiles, who led the team last year with 31 goals and was named to the All-CAC second team in his sophomore season.

Sophomore Dave Justen, who transferred last year from Salisbury, also returns to improve on his 15 goal, 13 assist season.

The Eagles' midfield looks to benefit the most from experience, featuring a core of returning players led by senior Paul Schutzmayer, who was named to the All-CAC team last season.

There are six other seniors on the roster, and the experience they bring can only benefit the Eagles.

Drawing from that experience will be key for the Eagles if they hope to compete for the conference championship once again. Salisbury is currently ranked second in the nation and has never fallen to any CAC opponent.

Last season the Eagles were the CAC team that came closest to handing the Gulls defeat. Going into the final quarter of a regular season meeting, MWC led 8-4.

After a furious rally, Salisbury handed the Eagles a heart-breaking 10-8



Bullet File Photo

The team will miss such players as Joe Boulter from last year, but have a new crop of freshmen and transfers to help out.

Slow Start to Softball Season

Eagles' Team Members Look For Turn Around

By CORY TEMPLEMAN
Assistant Sports Editor

Mary Washington College junior second baseman Bevin Gekosky and the rest of the Eagles' softball team all had very high expectations for the 2003 season.

After finishing third in the Capital Athletic Conference a year ago, the Eagles are stumbling out of the box at the moment, but hope to catch fire now that their season is in full swing.

"Both the coaches and the players came into this season with very high expectations," Gekosky said, an all-CAC selection in 2002. "But the first 10 games of the year have been disappointing overall."

MWC opened their season March 7 and 8 at the Virginia Wesleyan College Tournament. The Eagles defeated Hiram College, 11-4, in the opener but dropped the nightcap to Rowan University, 2-0.

At their spring break training trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., MWC dropped five of the six games played. However, all of the losses were by three runs

or less.

"Our defense was solid in Florida but our offense didn't click when we needed it to," sophomore third baseman Beth Gibson said.

The Eagles returned to Fredericksburg this past Monday splitting a doubleheader with Rutgers-Newark University. After slaughtering the visitors 13-1 in the first game, the home team faltered in the second game, 3-1.

"Right now we're playing down to inferior team's levels," Gibson said. "I think after we won that first game against Rutgers-Newark, we thought we had the second game won easily. The next thing we know, we lose."

Despite the lackluster start, the MWC softball team feels that they can turn their season around and compete in the CAC.

"Although we've lost some games, we have a lot going for us," Gekosky said. "Our pitching and defense is in tact."

"Right now, we're just focusing on one game at a time," Gekosky added.

The Eagles play their next home game on Saturday, March 22 against Wilson College.

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Seven Seniors Lead Men's Lax

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loss and kept their pristine CAC record in tact.

The Eagles would face Salisbury again in the conference championship, but the Gulls controlled the game and won in a less dramatic fashion.

Freshman Custellani may not have been with the team last season, but he says he is eager to build on the Eagles success.

"We are still learning our potential. We have a solid group of young talent and a good core of

returning players," he said.

The team hopes to capitalize on that potential soon.

In their most recent game, the Eagles faced a tough Hampden-Sydney squad and were outscored 12-5. Many games remain to be played on the schedule, however.

Conference play begins March 25 at Catholic University.



Sports Wire

Compiled by Liz Keller



NCAA Tournament Will Go On

NCAA president Myles Brand announced Tuesday that he will not postpone the men's and women's basketball tournaments if the United States goes to war with Iraq this week. Tournament officials consulted with Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and decided that the games should go ahead as scheduled. The NCAA men's and women's championships, which involve 129 teams, begin today and Saturday, respectively. Should war with Iraq begin later this week, CBS, which covers tournament games would show coverage of the conflict with Iraq instead. CBS would then move its tournament coverage to cable networks, including TNN and Nickelodeon.

First Game of Tournament Goes To Overtime

North Carolina-Asheville defeated Texas Southern 92-84 in overtime Tuesday night in the play-in game of the NCAA tournament. With a 15-16 record, the Bulldogs are the only team in the tournament with a losing record. The team ended its regular-season with four straight losses and was 1-14 on the road this year. UNC-Asheville will face top-seeded Texas in the first round of the South Regional on Friday in Birmingham, Ala.

MLB Opener In Japan Cancelled

Major league baseball canceled the season-opening series between Seattle and Oakland because of the threat of war with Iraq. The teams were scheduled to leave this week for games March 25-26 at the Tokyo Dome. The games have been rescheduled for April 3 and June 30 in Oakland instead. Seattle's visit was highly anticipated because the Mariners have three Japanese players on their team. Also, it would have been the first time Mariners owner Hiroshi Yamauchi, who lives in Japan, would have seen his team play.

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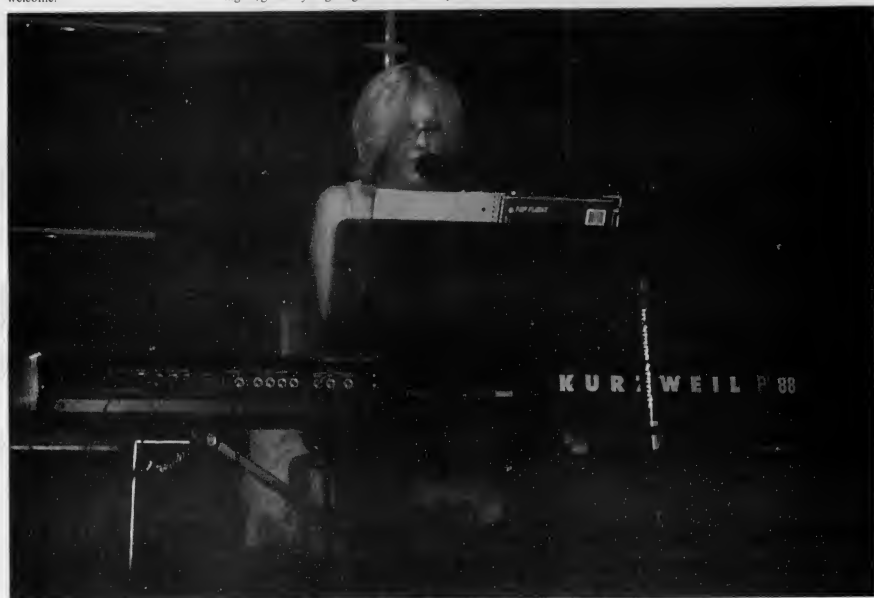
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Critics of rap might say 50 Cent's music glorifies a gun-obsessed culture, fanning flames on already white-hot controversy. Taking a step back to a



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50 Cent's CD, "Get Rich or Die Trying," has propelled the rapper to the top of the charts.

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cannibalistic streets can get away with the claims he makes. 50 Cent's resolve to grow and prosper despite all odds, finds artistic manifestation in "Wanksta," the same song Nowell Bush bumps in the range as she cruises south Florida slums. Crack, the omnipotent substance whose influence saturates hip-hop, sadly figures large in 50 Cent's life story and provides the basis for the lifestyle depicted in the "Wanksta" video and song. "In Da Club," the light hearted counterpart to "Wanksta," keeps the gangster edge without cutting into the commonality of the Saturday night experience and euphoria so familiar to the youth of America.

Critics of rap might say 50 Cent's music glorifies a gun-obsessed culture, fanning flames on already white-hot controversy. Taking a step back to a



Photo Courtesy www.50cent.com

50 Cent's CD, "Get Rich or Die Trying," has propelled the rapper to the top of the charts.

perspective that includes the rising rate of firearm related deaths, how surprising is it that an American musician, reacting to the riddled ghetto landscape, can make songs infused with charisma to top the charts for weeks on a row?

Who Is Your Favorite Superhero And Why?

Photos and Interviews by Devin Wais



"Superman because he's the only superhero I've ever dressed up as."

- Dan Glynn,
junior



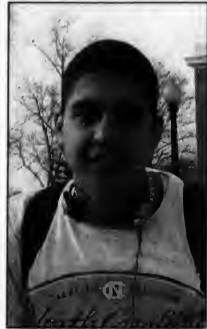
"Batman. He doesn't need superpowers. All he needs is the Batmobile."

- Honor Bowman,
freshman



"Michaelangelo. I wish I could eat pizza like him."

- Alexa Donaldson,
freshman



"Potteryman. He's always on some kind of adventure."

- Darrell Graf,
junior



"Wonder Woman. She exemplifies feminine power and domination."

- Tasha Morton,
freshman

Open Mic Night Attracts All

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the kids screwed up and now it's only for grown-ups, or at least for people who are over 21."

However, not all students are prohibited from enjoying the live entertainment. Jen McGee, a senior at MWC and a Fredericksburg native said she has been going to open mic night every Monday night for four years. She said that it is a great place where you can listen to your friends onstage and where you can just chill with people that you have not seen in a while.

"As far as a musical scene for Fredericksburg goes Orbit's open mic night is where all the kids from town tend to congregate," McGee said. "Besides Wings on the Water, it is the spot for tunes downtown."

MWC professor of art, Steve Griffin, often performs at open mic night. He joined The Deanes, another regular act,

Monday night, accompanying them on his guitar. Griffin said that he prefers to cover Dylan songs and he is here usually every Monday night.

"Orbit's is the longest running open mic night in the history of Fredericksburg, and it is the best," Griffin said. "There is always a good turnout and the poetry readings are nice too."

Sometimes Orbit's also holds special events which include prizes on open mic night, but generally the only awards issue is applause from the audience.

"We love open mic night," Place said. "It really gives performers who either do not have the experience of the material to do a show and get their feet wet with the whole performance process. Plus, it's a great laid back atmosphere and a great way for the staff to hear performers that may become Friday or Saturday shows eventually."

Thomas Arbisi, guitarist, bassist and vocalist for local classic rock band, Glass Onion, often performs at open mic night with guitarist, Eric Winston. Their preferred songs range from covers of Neil Young to the Beatles. This show, they performed remarkable acoustic renditions of Young's, "Old Man" and "Rubber Soul" by the Beatles.

Katherine Whistler said that she was very pleased with the selection of music and food.

"The laid back atmosphere is the perfect place to enjoy this kind of music which was a great variety," Whistler said. "It is a great place for any taste, be it music or food."

For more information, on Orbit's Downtown Eatery and open mic night, please call (540) 371.2003 or visit www.catatorbits.com.



Eliza Doenges/ Bulletin
Eric Winston plays guitar at open mic night last Monday.

Life Is A Highway ...A Very Long Highway

By DEVIN WAIS
Scene Editor

For Spring Break, I drove from Fredericksburg to Miami for a cruise and back again with Elizabeth Gallup, one of my close friends from Mary Washington College. We had been planning this drive a long time and were prepared with plenty of water, Diet Coke, snacks, and the most important part of any road trip, an extensive amount of CDs. Elizabeth and I have similar tastes in music and plenty of car time together, but it wasn't until we had spent 30 plus hours in my little Saturn that I realized just how vital music was to a successful road trip.

The best way to kick off a road trip is with a personalized mix. Try to blend your favorite songs with ones that set the mood of the trip—for a Virginia to Florida drive, Less than Jake's "5 State Drive" is a must-have. Other top road trip songs, for any trip, include Cake's "The Distance," Eve 6's "Open Road Song," and, of course, all eight and a half minutes of Don McLean's "American Pie."

Something I learned was that other people's mixes are usually far greater than your own. I admired Elizabeth's "Fun Rock Mix" that included tons of Bruce Springsteen and Bon Jovi. Elizabeth was impressed with my creativity, putting Springsteen's "Summer of '69" before the Smashing Pumpkins' "1979" and following Coheed and Cambria's "Devil in New Jersey" with Taking Back Sunday's "Timberwolves at New Jersey."

Music marathons can help save decision time. It gets pretty tiresome "What next?" as the CD player rolls back to the first track and the passenger has to

flip through three different CD books. A quick remedy is back-to-back CDs of the same artist. It's interesting to start off with their debut and work your way up to the most recent, seeing how the band or artist has developed over time.



Photo Courtesy Devin Wais
Senior Elizabeth Gallup and Devin Wais before braving I-95.

Morning means soft. Heavy drums and screaming at 9 a.m. will more than likely result in a headache before you even have a chance to stop at Hardee's for a grease-filled breakfast. Save the harder stuff for after the orange juice.

Afternoon is fun time. Car dancing is only enjoyable when it's light enough outside for other drivers to see you rocking out. Choose CDs that you love, that you can sing to, that make you want to groove. Throw on a backwards cap and some smooth upper body moves and you've got yourself smiles from drivers all down the road. But be courteous—putting in Eve 6 and promptly falling asleep does not equal a good time for the driver. If you're tired, make sure you

choose something she will enjoy while you pass out in the passenger seat; even so, it was apparently fun for Elizabeth to watch me suddenly wake up to belt out a song or two and then fall asleep again.

Late night driving also requires fast paced music, but more importantly, something everyone will enjoy. By this point, you're tired, cranky, and it really doesn't matter if Keel Big Fish is your favorite band—they're not Elizabeth's; so you should have listened to them earlier. And as much as the starry sky might entice you to slip in something light and soft, it will make you fall asleep. Big driving no. The three easiest ways to keep a sharp mind are super loud volumes, singing at the top of your lungs, and choose something she will enjoy while you pass out in the passenger seat; even so, it was apparently fun for Elizabeth to watch me suddenly wake up to belt out a song or two and then fall asleep again.

When it comes to singing, don't drown out the CD. Admittedly, I do not have the best singing voice in the world (okay, I'm completely monotone), and I have to admire Elizabeth for enduring my constant attempts at American Idol-ness, but I made sure to keep it low.

And finally, it doesn't matter whose car it is. The driver always has the final word. Always. The driver does have options, however—she can choose to let the passenger make gagging noises when Bryan Adams, Rod Stewart, and Sting's "All For Love" creeps into an otherwise perfect rock mix, or just change the damn song. But she does have that option. And she can still maintain that it's a good song. But you're wrong, Elizabeth. You're wrong.

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The Weekly Wassup

What to do... Where to go?!



March 20, 2003

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Dance Class Ballroom 8 to 9 p.m. Dance Studio Goolrick	Meditation Workshop Leidecker Center for Asian Studies Trinkle B39 4:00 p.m.	Powder Puff Football Ball Circle Come cheer on your residence hall!	<u>Confessions of an Invisible Woman</u> 2 p.m. Studio 115	Black Student Association 5:00 p.m. Meeting Room #4	<u>The Way We Laughed</u> 7:15 p.m. Dodd Auditorium	Pre-Law Society Monroe 104 7 p.m. Come to a presentation with real-life detectives!
Graduate School Info Session 4 to 5 p.m. Sign up x1022	<u>Confessions of an Invisible Woman</u> 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Studio 115	<u>Confessions of an Invisible Woman</u> 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Studio 115		Dance Class Jumps and Turns 8 to 9 p.m. Dance Studio Goolrick	Open Class: Dr. Marsh leads a discussion of the book, <u>High Tech and High Heels</u> Monroe 205 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.	Dance Class Ballet 8 to 9 p.m. Dance Studio Goolrick
Lyrae van Clief-Stefanon reads her own poems 5:00 p.m. Combs 139	Senior Art Exhibit DuPont Gallery 5 to 7 p.m.			Game Show in the Underground: Who Wants to be a Woman? 7 p.m.	Open Class: Dr. Rosenlee presents "Women and Abortion" Trinkle 210 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.	Dr. Farzaneh Milani presents "On Roses and Nightingales: Women, Mobility and Modernity in Iran" 7 p.m. Lee Hall Ballroom
				Open Class: Dr. Vasey presents "Femi- nist Apprecia- tions of Freud" Trinkle B39 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Open Class: Dr. Rosenlee presents "Body Image and Beauty Queen" Trinkle B36 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.	
				Jyoti Mediation Trinkle B39 4 to 5 p.m.		



